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New Bedford Gears Up for First Night

New Year's Eve calls for a celebration and First Night New Bedford is the place to be. Scores of new and exciting performances and amusements are scheduled throughout the evening at numerous downtown New Bedford venues while the delightful aroma of tasty food including hot soup, popcorn and hot chocolate will fill the night air. Culminating at midnight with a gala countdown and custom laser light show, this year's event promises to be the best First Night celebration ever.

The evening commences at 5:00 pm with an **Inter-Faith Community Service** at the First Baptist Church. Meanwhile, **Jedlie's Magic Circus** gets things rolling at the Whaling Museum's Jacob Gallery with its one-man clowning magic extravaganza. At 6:00 pm, **Mayor Frederick M. Kalisz** leads a people's procession from City Hall to Custom House Square for the official opening ceremonies. At the same time, storyteller **Cindy Killavey**



Above: *Members of the Rochester Council on Aging (COA) Board of Directors, town officials, and state legislators were on hand this past week to welcome the COA's newly-acquired handicapped-accessible van which was purchased via Coastline Elderly Services and a state grant. The town received the new 2003 Dodge van after allocating $8,208 — a mere 20 percent of the total $40,000 purchase price — with the remaining balance funded through a Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC) grant. As such, the EOTC will hold a lien on the vehicle for five years, after which the title will be transferred via Coastline Elderly Services to the Town of Rochester. Among the key dignitaries present for the formal acceptance outside Town Hall this past week were (l. to r.): Katherine Church; State Senator Joan Menard; Charles Sisson, Executive Director of Coastline Elderly Services; Christine Cooke; Selectmen Chairman Naida Parker; State Representative William Straus; Town Administrator James Huntoon; Adam Chapdelaine from Senator Menard's office; Doris Boucher; Elizabeth Florindo; Chris Byron; Al Alderson; and Jack Ayers. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

On the cover: *A multi-cultural holiday celebration was presented by Center School's third grade Intergenerational Chorus on Tuesday December 23 at 9:30 am in the Old Rochester Regional High School auditorium. Among the stars of the annual holiday production in Mattapoisett were Center School third graders (standing, l. to r.) Sophia-Lynn Ellis, Teddy Costa and Christopher Tippins, (kneeling, l. to r.) Abigail Nadeau, Joshua Bardwell and Griffin Sanford. This year's show, dubbed "Paint the Town December," featured the magic of the season exploding into a kaleidoscope of color when a group of young children transformed the shops of Mattapoisett into a watercolor wonderland! From Hanukkah and Kwanzaa to Christmas and Las pasadas, they discovered the colors and celebrations of December in town and around the world. Special guest appearances were made by the proprietors of the Mattapoisett Inn, No Kidding and Shipyard Galley. (Photo by Laura McLean).*



Lulu the Clown will be just one of the many unique and talented acts performing throughout the evening at the YMCA during New Bedford's First Night Celebration on New Year's Eve. The annual family-oriented celebration is the fourth oldest "First Night" in the country and promises to be a fun night for all. (Photo courtesy of Susan Grace).

So that our staff can enjoy the holidays our office will be closed from December 29 until January 2. we will not be publishing an issue on January 1, our next regualr issue will be January 8, 2004. Happy holidays to all!

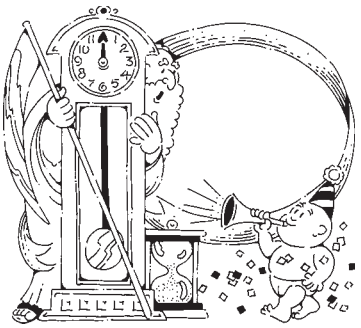
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spins exciting children's' tales at the New Bedford Public Library and in the lobby of the library, caricature artist **Mark Seagrave** will be sketching fun cartoons of willing party-goers. Also in the library, the **Mark Kohler Puppet Show** will return again this year for two shows.

Throughout the evening, at the YMCA, youngsters can bounce and hop on any of five inflatable amusements including an obstacle course, pedestal jousting arena and moonwalk or laugh to the zany antics of **Lulu the Clown**. At Gallery X, the immensely popular **Toe Jam Puppet Band** will have children of all ages whooping it up. Nearby, strolling entertainers **Snap the Suspender**, **Captain Dave** and the **Miracle Fish Puppets** keep the excitement high at Custom House Square.

At the Zeiterion theater, the music rises up with the **Boogaloo Swamis** doing their brand of zydeco music followed by rocking sounds and stunning horns of **Wild Nites**. In between music performances at the Zeiterion, hilarious comedians **John Perrotta** and **Eddie Galvin** get the laughs rolling. A few blocks up Purchase Street at the Times Square Atrium, the **HepCats Swing Dancing Group** kick up their heels in several shows scheduled around jump jive, rock and roll sets by the band **ShowBizz**. Familiar favorites saxophonist **Matty B** and **The John Harrison Trio** with **Armsted Christian** and **Jackie Santos** will lay down some smooth sounds at the Whaling Museum Theater.

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horse and buggy rides as well as **mini-train rides** for young and old. The horse and buggy rides start at Sovereign Bank and proceed along the cobblestone streets of historic downtown New Bedford. Train rides start at Carter's Clothing Store and circle Custom House Square. At Pilgrim United Church, internationally renowned fado singers **Ana and Jose Vinagre** will present traditional Portuguese fado music. The church's own **Pilgrim Handbell Ringers** will perform at 7:00 pm. A **Senior Art Show** of the First Night Button Contest paintings will be on exhibit at City Hall. Also, at City Hall, an entertaining audience participation program called the **Jon Nelson Family Sing-Along** goes on throughout the evening.

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activity with lots of entertainment throughout the evening. Ongoing performances at Custom House square include **DJ Peter Rivet** spinning tunes, and vocal groups **Voices In Time** and **The Showstoppers**. An extraordinary ice sculpture display created by culinary arts students from several area vocational technical high schools is featured.

"We really want Custom House Square to be a lively and welcoming gathering place throughout the evening and are planning to have popcorn, hot chocolate and other refreshments available," said First Night president Susan Grace. "Ernie's Deli will be serving hot soups and cider, too."

Activities will culminate with a grand countdown to herald in 2004. The countdown is integrated into the laser light program. As midnight approaches, a customized laser image of a whale, symbolizing New Bedford's famous historic whaling heritage, will descend down a huge screen draped on the south side of the U.S. Custom House. Images of fireworks will ascend from the whale's spout at the stroke of midnight.

"At midnight we see Custom House Square being our own Times Square-like celebration where everyone can meet at the end of the night with family and friends to watch the laser light show and ring in the New Year," said Ms. Grace.

First Night headquarters will be located in the gazebo at Custom House Square for button sales and to

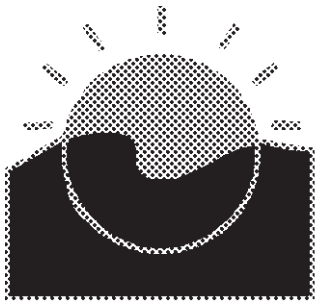
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First Night New Bedford attendance buttons are available at Baker Books, Citizen's Bank, Compass Bank, Dartmouth Mall (Customer Service), Dorothy Cox's Chocolates, Elaine's T-Shirts, First Federal Savings Bank, First Citizens' Federal Credit Union, Fleet Bank, Flor Jewelry, New Bedford City Hall, New Bedford Public



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First Night New Bedford is the fourth oldest First Night celebration in the nation and this year is celebrating its 17th New Year. It is funded in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Council but primarily it is supported each year by fund-raising events, sales of attendance buttons, contributions from community-minded businesses and volunteer participation. First Night New Bedford depends on this support for its success. Members of the New Bedford First Night Committee are Susan Grace, Julie Lariviere, Carl Soares, Maria Ortiz, John and Pat Ford, Dave Antunes, and Susan Whitehead-Murphy. To make a contribution to First Night New Bedford 2004 or to help out as a volunteer, please contact First Night President Susan Grace at **508-993-1999**. Please send your sponsorship donations to First Night New Bedford, Inc., P.O. Box 1701, New Bedford, MA 02741.

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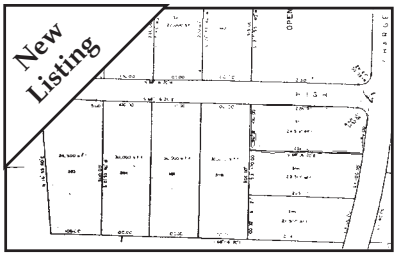
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remind the public to take simple precautions to help reduce the spread of cold and flu this season, especially if planning a visit to the hospital. "Southcoast Hospitals Group is asking the public to avoid visits to friends and family in the hospital if they are experiencing cold or flu symptoms," said Judy Menard, Infection Control Leader for Southcoast Hospitals Group. "We are also requesting that patients and people who must visit with cold or flu symptoms wear surgical masks while on site. Wearing the surgical mask if you have flu-like symptoms is especially important for the safety of our staff and for patients who may have weakened or compromised immune systems."

Surgical masks are now available at each of the hospital main lobby entrances and emergency department entrances.The Southcoast Hospitals' Infection Control Department suggests the following guidelines issued by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to avoid transmitting or getting the flu or other respiratory illnesses:

• If you experience respiratory illness with a fever, refrain from public activities for at least five days to prevent the spread of the infection.

• If you have severe or prolonged flu-like illness, seek medical attention.

• Avoid taking young children or those whose immune systems have been weakened by disease or medication into large crowds unnecessarily.

• Avoid close contact (holding, kissing) between infants and anyone who has a cold or the flu.

• When coughing, turn your head and cough or sneeze into a disposable tissue and promptly dispose of the used tissue; if a tissue is not available, cough into the inside of the elbow.

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"We would like to remind the public of these simple precautions as the transmission of influenza and other respiratory viruses increases during the winter months," Ms. Menard said. "Charlton, St. Luke's and Tobey are seeing flu-like, respiratory illnesses typical for the season. Due to reported statewide activity, we do expect these numbers will increase as the season progresses."

Signs being posted at Charlton, St. Luke's and Tobey Hospitals ask that visitors "please avoid visits to friends or relatives in the hospital if you have these cold or flu symptoms: Fever; Cough; Nasal Congestion; Sore

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"We hope these protective measures will assure a happy and healthy holiday season for all," Ms. Menard said.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health suggests that people with a high risk medical condition, are 65 years of age or older, are pregnant and will be in your second or third trimester during flu season, or have an infant 6 to 23 months of age, please call your healthcare provider to ask about receiving an inactivated flu vaccine given by injection. And if you or your child are healthy and between the ages of 5 and 49, you may ask your healthcare provider about receiving the live flu vaccine (FluMist®) that's sprayed into the nose. If the flu vaccine is received at least three weeks before exposure, it is still effective. For more information about the flu and a complete description of
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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

December 22, 2003

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, December 22 at 6:30 pm by Chairman Naida Parker. Also present were Selectman Richard Nunes, Selectman Gary Laboa, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The board first went into Executive Session with Patricia Ryan at 6:30 pm to discuss the status of teacher contract negotiations with Rochester Memorial School

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Upon resuming in Open Session at 6:50 pm, the board reviewed a notice from the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) advising that Governor Mitt Romney approved Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 141 of the Acts of 2003 on November 26, 2003, which allows retail liquor stores to sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays year-round if they so desire.

Among the key conditions to adopt the Sunday retail liquor sales, according to the detailed memo from the ABCC:

• Sales on Sunday may be made by a licensee *only* if the licensee obtains a permit for Sunday sales from the local licensing authority (Board of Selectmen);

• The local board can permit sales by a licensee on (either) six days per week or seven days per week;

• No sales are permitted on the last Monday in May (Memorial Day), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day or on the day following when Christmas falls on a Sunday;

• No (Sunday) sales may be made prior to noon;

• No (Sunday) sales may be made after 11:00 pm;

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• If the city/town chooses to go "dry" by accepting the new statute, no sales may be on Sundays by either Section 15 licensees or Section 12 licensees;

• Sunday sale permits previously issued for the 2003 holiday season remain in full force and effect for sales occuring on the Sundays after November 26, 2003.

The board discussed the merits of allowing the few retail liquor establishments in town to open on Sundays year-round if they elected to do so.

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stores to sell on Sundays ... people are supposed to be responsible for themselves," Selectman Laboa said.

"We can either vote to allow year-round Sunday liquor sales, or we can wait until someone comes in to ask about it," Selectman Nunes said.

"If we do it, we have to do it across-the-board," Chairman Parker said. "Either we accept it or we don't. It's not based on who wants it and who doesn't. It's not selective."

"In our town, the (retail) stores we're talking about are going to be open anyway," Selectman Laboa said. "It's not going to have a derogatory effect. I think we should allow it."

With that, the board moved to amend the previously-approved liquor license renewals for 2004 to reflect the newly-passed law, thereby allowing liquor stores to open on Sundays year-round at their discretion.

The board also received a memo from Town Accountant Claudette Coutu advising that according to a Department of Education (DOE) memo dated November 5, 2003, the Town of Rochester has met the net school spending requirements for FY 2003 of $2,899,296.

"Expenditures that meet the requirements to be considered as net school spending are actually $944,873 over our minimum level," Ms. Coutu wrote. "Based on budgeted figures submitted to DOE the town has met the minimum requirement of $3,027,938. If the FY 2004 budget is expended as proposed the town will have spent $1,054,724 over our minimum level."

"So we have not only satisfied their needs, we have exceeded them," Chairman Parker said.

The board next signed and approved a Personnel Action Form (PAF) for Ellen Manduca.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Huntoon said he signed a contract with CTC Associates

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for telephone services; added the Fire Department's newly-acquired brush breaker to the town's insurance policy; and noted that Acting Chief Dispatcher Tracy Weckesser is now Acting Chief Dispatcher Tracy Eldridge.

The board then discussed the process for preparing and planning the budget for Fiscal Year 2004 and noted they will be meeting jointly with department heads and members of the Finance Committee (FinCom) in early January.

"One of the things I would stress is we need to be more involved in setting the budgets," Selectman Laboa said. "Let me just say the FinCom has done an excellent job, but I feel the department heads should be more involved in setting the budgets. (The Board of Selectmen) should be going to Town Meeting floor with our budget recommendations in hand ... we shouldn't be fighting for funding."

"I always felt the Board of Selectmen should take some type of leadership position (in the budget process)," Selectman Nunes said, adding that recommendations on Town Meeting floor should come from both the FinCom and Selectmen.

"The recommendation printed on the (Town Meeting) warrant should come from the executive board, which is the Board of Selectmen," Mr. Huntoon agreed. "The coordination of the budgeting process has always been through the Selectmen's office. I think that's a discussion we need to have with the FinCom and department heads (in January)."

"Even if a department doesn't come under us, we're still responsible for the overall budget," Selectman Laboa said.

"I don't want people on the FinCom to think they're doing a rotten job, because (Chairman Michael Costa) and his committee are doing a fantastic job," Selectman Nunes said. "But there's a process ... that has to

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"We don't really need to do those overrides because every year we're leaving money on the table," Chairman Parker said.

"We'll have these discussions with all the department heads and FinCom," Selectman Laboa said. "Again, I don't want it to be adversarial, I just want to get everything out on the table."

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:01 pm.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

The Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen wishes to take this opportunity to thank the following individuals and the town departments who, once again, kindly donated their time to help make the town's 21st 2003 Christmas Tree Lighting a most exciting event!

A special "thank you" goes out to Mr. Stuart Mitchell of Wolf Island Road, Rochester, for donating the beautiful Christmas tree for our lighting at Shipyard Park. We would like to also thank the Mattapoisett Lions Club for their continued support for helping us make this a reality every year!

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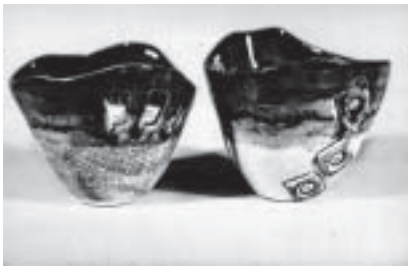
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We would like to extend this opportunity to thank the following individuals for their yearly donations and grand generosity of all those delicious refreshments enjoyed by all who attended our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting: Ms. Janice Sparks of the Shipyard Galley; Romeo's; the Mattapoisett Woman's Club; and Ms. Ann Marie Cerulli or Cerulli's; Louise Vandal and Gale Costa of the Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shop; the Mattapoisett Lions Club; the Nest Diner; and Marc and Marlene Goddu of the Mattapoisett Inn.

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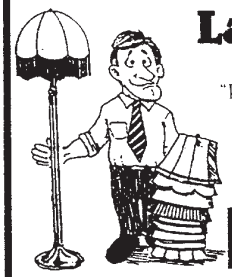
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To the Editor:

A resident at a recent meeting of the Mattapoisett Bike Path Study Committee said the committee has submitted a "biased" report on the proposed project in the past two to three years.

For example, Arnold Cestari Jr., who made the remark, said the mandate supporting the path was procured in a false manner. "It was to be a one-time cost for households," he said. Then, he asked if the committee could report objectively, as a whole, to the Selectmen and to the Town Meeting on this issue, and others. He said the project is moving forward with unanswered questions. Committee member Nick Bryan Brown said there were questions without answers, thereby the project can't be nailed down to a precise cost and timetable.

Mr. Cestari said the Reservation Golf Club directors

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"You're not saying that (the Reservation Golf Club) is going to file a suit and it will cost (the town) some money," Mr. Cestari said. He added that part of the problem was a proposed net to catch golf balls near the bike path on the club property.

"The (Reservation Golf Club) will fight it," Mr. Cestari said.

"I don't think we are irresponsible in not reporting about the (Reservation Golf Club)," Mr. Brown said.

(Bike Path Committee) Chairman Steve Kelleher said that he had *hope* that by February some type of projection would be ready to visualize the project for the public.

This is almost a joke after all the time spent and the pressure being put on residents to approve it or lose funding. Mr. Cestari brought the matter up, saying that State Representative William Straus (D-Mattapoisett) lobbied residnets to accept the project, insisting that if they didn't vote for it now, it was dead. "That was misrepresentation," Mr. Cestari said.

Member Greta Fox said the Finance Committee (FinCom) should make a decision on the issue. Mr. Cestari said the FinCom at the Town Meeting indicated that it wanted to see a financial plan, something that hasn't surfaced yet. Member Rob Simmons said he wanted everything brought to the table — positive and negative aspects alike. "I say ... let's get all the eggs on the table," Mr. Simmons said.

Mr. Cestari said he is still waiting for an answer from the Board of Selectmen to a letter dated October 17, 2002 which asked many questions about the proposed project. Included was the question of funding and the maintenance of the path. He noted that the committee reported that Falmouth's costs were nothing (to taxpayers) and Fairhaven's cost was $25,000 annually, However, Mr. Cestari said the demographics, population, and revenue base of Falmouth and Fairhaven, which both have populations in excess of 25,000, do not serve as good comparisons to Mattapoisett.

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In addition, Mr. Cestari asked if Mattapoisett would rely on the Friends of the Bike Path to patrol the areas abutting the path in order to insure safety for those using the path and/or living near the path. No long-term financial impact studies nor short-term logistical impact studies concerning the impact on town resources, or the need for increased tax revenue to address these concerns were brought into focus, he said.

Mr. Cestari said Carol Adams, then-Executive Secretary, wrote a reply saying that "our office is working on providing you with answers to your October 17 (2002) correspondence." At that time, the Board of Selectmen consisted of Ray Andrews, Paul F. Lambalot, and Barry J. Denham. A copy of Mr. Cestari's letter was supposedly sent to then-Town Counsel Daniel Perry and to Committee Chairman Steve Kelleher.

Where are the answers to some important and far-reaching questions? Is the committee truly providing answers or just counting the time until the next Town Meeting? At that time, it will have its supporters ready to try and drive the question through for approval. Mr. Cestari and others are persistent in seeking facts, financial figures, and the long-range impact on the town. Their agenda looks better than that of the committee at this time.

Sincerely,
Michael Couture
Mattapoisett

To the Editor:

MASS SUPREME JUDICIAL FOLLY (A Poem)
By Allan Holmes Vaitses

We might well put our rings away;
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Sincerely,
Allan Holmes Vaitses
Mattapoisett

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• ***Thursday, January 8*** – Turkey ham with pineapple sauce, whipped sweet potatoes, broccoli, rye bread, tapioca pudding, sugar-free pudding.
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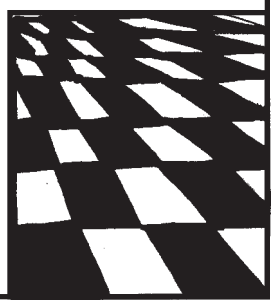
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• Tuesday, January 13 – ORR District School Committee at 7:00 pm in the School Committee Meeting Room, Superintendent's Office, ORR High School, Mattapoisett;
• Wednesday, January 21 – Marion School Committee at 6:30 pm in the Etta-Hix Allen Library, Sippican School;
• Thursday, January 22 – Rochester School Committee at 7:00 pm at Rochester Memorial School;
• Thursday, January 29 – Joint Meeting of the ORR District School Committee and Massachusetts School Superintendency Union No. 55 at 7:00 pm in the School Committee Meeting Room, Superintendent's Office, ORR High School, Mattapoisett.

Mattapoisett Town Hall

The Mattapoisett Town Hall offices will be *closed* on Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26 for the Christmas Holiday. They will be open from December 29 through December 31 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. Town Hall will be *closed* on Thursday, January 1 for New Years.

Sippican Seniors Meeting

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Mattapoisett Machacam Club

The Mattapoisett Machacam Club will hold its January meeting on Wednesday, January 7 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner service at 6:00 pm. The speaker this month will be Mark Rodgers of "Cape Wind." Mark will give a presentation on wind as an alternative energy source. This timely topic will prove to be most interesting as the area is examing such alternative for the surrounding towns. Callers are reminded to report their lists no later than 9:00 pm on January 5, 2004.



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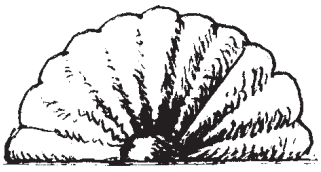
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- **First Place: Nancy Underhill, North Avenue;**
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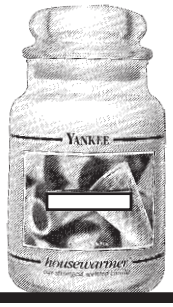
Marion Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector **Debra Blanchette** recently announced that Marion taxpayers will now be able to utilize a new, convenient and secure method to pay their tax bills via the Internet.

Beginning December 31, there will be a link on the Town of Marion's webpage (**www.townofmarion.org**) which will allow taxpayers to utilize the so-called "e-bill" system to pay their third quarter real estate and personal property taxes online. There is no signup cost, the system allows taxpayers to make an electronic bank transaction via credit card, debit card, or a withdrawal from checking or savings account and, best of all, this feature is accessible 24 hours a day!

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Ms. Blanchette said she inquired about providing this option to taxpayers and decided to take advantage of it. "I thought it would be another convenient option for taxpayers to make payments," she said. "I'm sure people who are accustomed to using the Internet will be more inclined to use it. I have had people come in and ask: 'can we charge this?'"

Marion is one of the few communities of its size in Massachusetts to offer online tax bill payments, and Ms. Blanchette said she hopes to expand the service to other payments such as car excise taxes in the future.

Mattapoisett Women's Guild

The Mattapoisett Women's Community Guild will next meet on Tuesday, January 6, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. The speaker will be Chris LeBlanc from the Zeiterion Theater in New Bedford. Guests are always welcome.

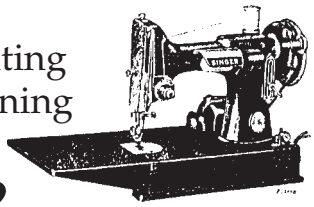
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"This 'You Drink & Drive, You Lose' Mobilization will focus public attention on the dangers posed by drunk driving," said Rochester Police Chief Paul Magee. "Throughout the upcoming holidays, we'll have extra traffic enforcement looking for impaired drivers, as well as those who speed, drive agressively, and do not use safety belts and child safety seats. All of this effort is to help ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season with family and friends."

Alcohol was a factor in 49 percent of the 459 motor vehicle-related fatalities in Massachusetts in 2002 — a rate 8 percent higher than the national average. Chief Magee advised those going out to holiday celebrations that involve alcohol to plan ahead and designate a sober driver, to take a taxi, or use mass transit.

"If you host a party, help people by serving non-alcoholic beverages and protein-rich food," Chief Magee said. "Should a guest have too much to drink, speak up and do what it takes to ensure they don't end up behind the wheel." The Chief said the holiday season is a good time for parents and caregivers to speak again with older children about the dangers and legal consequences of

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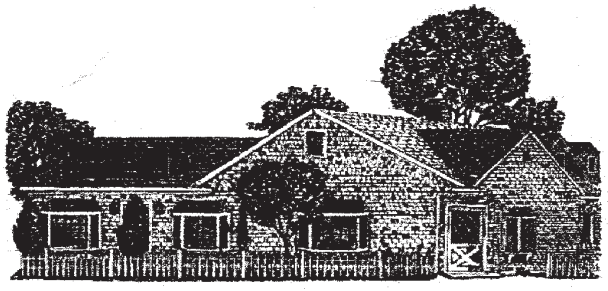
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Approximately 18,000 people are arrested annually for impaired driving in Massachusetts. A first-time drunk driving conviction costs about $7,300 with an average driver paying an additional $6,000 in insurance surcharges over the next six years. Alcohol-related crashes in Massachusetts cost the public approximately $2 billion.


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Early Childhood Meeting

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Preschool Screening Clinic

A screening clinic for three and four-year-olds will be offered by the Old Rochester Regional School District on Monday, January 12, 2004 at the Sippican School in Marion. Children who live in Marion, Mattapoisett or Rochester are eligible for appointments. The purpose of the screening is to identify young children with potential learning problems.

Children will be led through a series of activities that look at their thinking skills, their speech and language development, memory skills, coordination, hearing and vision. If you suspect your child is having difficulty in any of these areas, please call 508-748-0100 for an appointment.

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In addition, screening clinics are scheduled for infants and toddlers throughout the year. Professionals from local Early Intervention programs staff clinics. They include a clinic on February 9, 2004 and April 26, 2004 at the Sippican School in Marion.

Flu Vaccine Website

State Senator Joan M. Menard (D-Fall River) recently announced the creation of the Department of Public Health Flu Vaccination website: **http://flu.masspro.org.**

The creation of the site is to ensure that all people in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have access to the flu vaccine. When people go to the website they can input their zip code and receive a list of vaccination clinics in their immediate area.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), using a combination of federal and state funds (including contributions from managed care plans through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Vaccine Trust Fund), has purchased **589,000** doses of influenza vaccine for the 2003/2004-influenza season. As of early December, MDPH had distributed 588,300 doses to both public and private provider offices. A very limited amount of influenza vaccine is maintained at MDPH for disease control purposes in the event of an outbreak.

"I think we are proactively addressing a major public health concern," Senator Menard said. "I believe a main core mission of government is to work to prevent possible major public health problems. It has been said that this flu season is going to be very bad and many other states are and will be facing these concerns in the very near future."

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Tri-Town Playgroup

Another series of the Tri-Town Playgroup will begin on January 7, 2004 and meet for six consecutive Wednesdays. Temple Mitchell will facilitate the sessions. The group will meet from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

The playgroups offer children and families the opportunity to come together to share some simple activities, usually planned around seasonal themes. Adults also have a chance to connect with each other. The target age group for the playgroups includes two-, three-, and four-year-olds. Families that include a younger sibling are welcome to attend. A fee of $10 per family, to cover the cost of materials, will be charged for the six-week series. The project is funded, in part, by the Old Rochester Regional School District's *Community Partnerships for Children* grant.

Registration is limited and preregistration is required. For more information or to register, please call the Early Childhood Office at 508-748-1863.

Friends of the Elderly

The Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly held their annual Christmas Party for all Mattapoisett seniors and a good time was had by all. Many gifts were given and Jean West's Fourth Graders provided entertainment. Let it be known that those kids were really good!

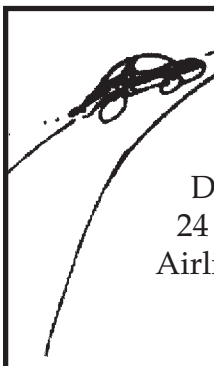
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Marion Social Club

The Marion Social Club will have a New Year's Eve Celebration on December 31, 2003. Doors will open at 6:00 pm with dinner served at 7:00 pm. Donation is $40 per person (includes catered dinner and party favors) with music by Don Gomes. Please call 508-748-2933 for tickets and/or information.

Elizabeth Taber Library

Winter Vacation

The Elizabeth Taber Library in Marion will host a series of drop-in activites for children of all ages during winter vacation. Materials and instructions for each activity willl be available in the Children's Reading Room during regular library hours.

On Friday, January 2 at 10:00 am, the Elizabeth Taber Library and the Natural History Museum will present "Feeding Winter's Feathered Friends" for children ages 3 and older. Join Alan Harris upstairs at the Natural History Museum to learn about the birds that visit our yards in the winter. Then join Marsha Rehkamp downstairs in the Children's Room at the library to make pine cone bird feeders. Please register for this free program by calling or stopping by the library, or by e-mailing Marsha.

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EMERGENCY APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE

Drop-In Crafts Days in the Children's Room at the Elizabeth Taber Library. Children of all ages are invited to enjoy the activities. "Tales for Twos," a nine-week series of storytimes for children between the ages of 2 and 3 years, 3 months will begin January 14, 2004. Two sessions of the half-hour of stories, fingerplays, and crafts will be offered:

Wednesday mornings at 10:15 am or Friday morning at 10:15 am. Children must be 2 years old by January 1, 2004 to attend and must be accompanied by an enthusiastic adult companion. Pre-registration is required.

Winter Storytime for children between the ages of 3 and 5 begins the week of January 12. Children are invited to enjoy stories, fingerplays and crafts on Monday mornings at 10:15 am or Tuesday afternoons at 1:30 pm. Winter Storytime begins January 12, 2004 and continues through March 9. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please call 508-748-1252.

New Year in Marion

Ring in the New Year at the Marion Social Club's New Year's Eve Party Dinner Dance, to be held on December 31 from 7:00 pm to 1:00 am. The catered dinner will include steak tips, baked stuffed shrimp, veggies, salads, desserts and more. There will also be dancing with a D.J., party favors, noise makers, and a champagne toast. Tickets are $40 per person and can be purchased by calling 508-748-3730. Don't miss out! The Marion Social Club is located at 44 Pumping Station Road in Marion.



SouthCoast Chamber Concert

The South Coast Chamber Music Society will present its third concert in its 2003-2004 season on Sunday, January 25, 2004 at 3:00 pm at Grace Episcopal Church. The church is located at the corner of County and School Streets at 133 School Street in New Bedford and the concert will take place upstairs in Rodman Hall. A post-concert reception will follow directly after the concert.

Featured guest artists will be **Cheryl Priebe Bishkoff**, oboe, and **Henry Lebedinsky**, harpsichord.

The South Coast Chamber Music Society will play *Sonata in G minor for oboe, and continuo BWV 1030b* by J.S. Bach; *Suite No. 5 in C minor for unaccompanied cello BWV1011* by J.S. Bach; *Trio No. 2 in D minor for two oboes and cello* by G.F. Handel; *Suite in B minor for solo harpsichord* by Domenico Zipoli; and *Sonate for oboe* by John Reid.

Universally recognized for her inspiring musicality, unique sound, and charismatic presence, **Cheryl Priebe Bishkoff** has been described as "a musician of incredible artistry" (*Richmond News Leader*). She is currently in her eighth season with the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra as its principal oboe as well as holding the same position with the New Hampshire Symphony, the Western New York Chamber Orchestra, and the Ocean State Chamber Music Orchestra. In addition, she is the assistant principal oboe of the Bethlehem, PA Bach Festival Orchestra. Ms. Bishkoff has recorded on the

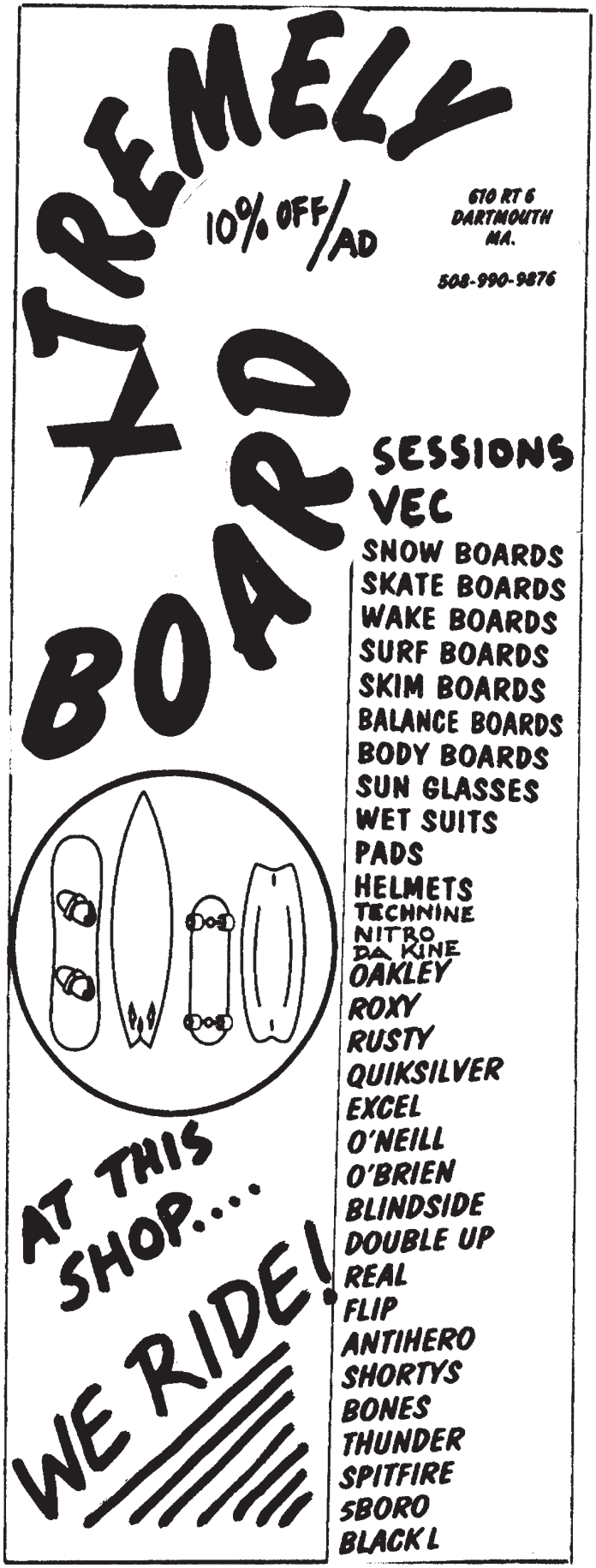
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Movie Review

King of the Hill



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The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King. **Starring Elijah Wood and Ian McKellen. Directed by Peter Jackson. Running time: 200 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13.**

Last December, summing up my experiences to date in Middle-earth, I wrote that the first *Lord of the Rings* installment (*The Fellowship of the Ring*) had interested and entertained me, and *The Two Towers* had hooked me. The final chapter, I'm afraid, has lost me. *The Return of the King* is far from a turkey — for what it is, it's as exquisitely crafted as its predecessors. Peter Jackson deserves respect and recognition (from the Academy or otherwise) just for having mounted this formidable project. But I suppose the problem, for me, in this finale must go back to the old wizard himself, J.R.R. Tolkien. This road goes ever on and on, and Tolkien liked it that way. Jackson, straining for fidelity, dramatizes a lot of stuff that feels like padding.

What can you say about an epic in which the biggest conflagrations, we're repeatedly told, are just distractions to keep the eye of Sauron off of a hobbit? You may say, Wow, some distractions — Jackson rounds up what looks like millions of combatants, on foot or astride horses or elephant-like beasts or winged nasties (sorry, I don't care enough to look up the critters' actual names), bashing each other for the better part of 90 minutes (with a good amount of cross-cutting to less testosteronal happenings). It's safe to say the big screen hasn't seen gigantism on this level since the glory days of Fritz Lang (who had to gather *his* masses without the aid of computers). But there's just too damn much of it, as there's too much of most everything else here. A lot of it is just hacking and slashing on a mammoth scale, which is still just hacking and slashing. If you're happy with that sort of thing, *ROTK* has a *ton* of that sort of thing.

While all that's going on, the weary hobbits Frodo (Elijah Wood) and Samwise (Sean Astin), accompanied by the duplicitous and conflicted Gollum (voice and modeling by Andy Serkis, who also plays the pre-Gollumized hobbit Smeagol in a prologue), trek up the hazardous face of Mount Doom, where they must dispose of the One Ring. Poor Samwise must fend off the ring-greedy Gollum while looking after Master Frodo; very little doubt is allowed to cloud his pure, stainless love for the frail ringbearer. Do we ever feel they'll give up or be defeated? Is this the final three hours of a nine-hour cycle? Quest narratives like this are too predetermined to fool you for even a moment. The whole gargantuan thing is meant to test the fortitude of the heroes, the weakness of the villains, and the bladders of the audience.

Back in the fray, Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen) gets some supernatural warriors on his side with some fancy rhetoric and, mostly, his comically long (Jackson pans up the blade in priapic awe), newly reforged sword that proves he's the top dog. Merry (Dominic Monaghan) sneaks into battle with Eowyn (Miranda Otto), while his buddy Pippin (Billy Boyd) hangs out with Gandalf (Ian McKellen) and discusses the meaning of death. Legolas (Orlando Bloom) has exactly one crowd-pleasing moment, when he takes down one of those elephant things, but otherwise recedes into the background, a cipher firing arrows. The only actor who moved me was John Noble (who looks like a dissipated Terry Gilliam) as the mad Denethor, who has already lost one son (Boromir, in the first film) in battle and now thinks he has lost the other. Noble's performance pushes against the heroic constraints of the epic; he's allowed to be flawed, mad, human.

After much warfare (during which even the thrill of seeing men plucked up or batted aside, complete with their horses, by giant adversaries loses its novelty) and much pain and anguish on the path up Mount Doom, the journey reaches its end. The movie, however, continues forward for another twenty minutes or so, with reunions and marriage and tearful farewells and for all we know, in the eventual extended edition on DVD, a dance number or two. *The Return of the King* reminded me why I got bored with Dungeons & Dragons after about age fourteen. When all was said and done, I was ready to re-enter the real world, go home to my DVD player, and pop in something raw, gritty, and *short.*

FLAGSHIP CINEMA 8
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Friday, December 26 through Thursday, January 1.
Lord of the Rings: Return of the King (PG-13) – 12:00, 4:00, 8:00
The Haunted Mansion (PG) – 12:05, 2:05
The Last Samurai (R) – 4:10
Bad Santa (R) – 7:25, 9:25
Something's Gotta Give (PG-13) – 12:35, 3:20, 7:05, 9:40
Peter Pan (PG) – 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:15, 9:35
Paycheck (PG-13) – 12:30, 3:40, 7:20, 9:50
Mona Lisa Smile (PG-13) – 12:15, 3:30, 7:00, 9:30
Elf (PG) – 12:45, 2:55, 5:05
Stuck on You (PG-13) – 7:20, 9:40
Cheaper by the Dozen (PG) – 12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:10, 9:20

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Friday, December 26 through Thursday, January 1.
Cheaper by the Dozen (PG) – 12:10, 2:20, 4:35, 7:05, 9:15
Cold Mountain (R) – 11:45, 3:05, 7:00, 10:00
Paycheck (PG-13) – 12:15, 2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
Peter Pan (PG) – 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:20, 9:45
21 Grams (R) – 12:20, 4:00, 7:05, 9:50
The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) – 11:30, 12:00, 3:30, 4:00, 7:30, 8:00
The Last Samurai (R) – 4:30
Mona Lisa Smile (PG-13) – 12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 9:30
Elf (PG) – 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:10, 9:30
Stuck on You (PG-13) – 7:25, 9:50
Bad Santa (R) – 7:30, 9:35
Something's Gotta Give (PG-13) – 12:00, 3:15, 7:10, 9:45
Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat (PG) – 12:30, 2:30
The Haunted Mansion (PG) – 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:15, 9:35
Love Don't Cost A Thing (PG-13) – 12:10, 2:35, 5:00

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Friday, December 26 through Thursday, January 1.
21 Grams (R) – 12:50, 3:40, 6:35, 9:10
Cold Mountain (R) – 12:30, 4:00, 7:30
In America (PG-13) – 1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:15
Love Actually (R) – 3:30, 9:00
Mona Lisa Smile (PG-13) – 1:10, 3:50, 6:45, 9:05
Mystic River (R) – 12:40, 6:30

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Sun: 4:30, 7:30

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In great demand as both a soloist and as part of chamber music programs, she recently appeared as a soloist in Philadelphia and at Vassar College in New York where she is also the Lecturer of Oboe at Vassar. Ms. Bishkoff maintains a private studio in Rhode Island.

The Buffalo Evening News, in describing one of Ms. Bishkoff's performances said "Ms. Bishkoff's oboe tone was pure and even throughout the range, while her breath control and fluid phrasing were special delights."

Henry Lebedinsky has been described as "a young and dynamic performer — out to provide a whole new image for harpsichordists" (Richard Knisely, WGBH Radio).

Mr. Lebedinsky is an active performer on the harpsichord, as well as the organ and clavichord. He has given numerous recitals across the country, including performances with Saltarello, Ecclesia, Ensemble Galant, the Lygonia Consort, the Harvard Early Music Society, the New Philharmonic Orchestra, the Concertino Ensemble of Rostock, Germany, and many others. In addition, he has appeared in concert at the Boston Early Music Festival, the Tamworth Music Festival, and the Bowdoin Summer Music Festival.

In addition to performing, he is an award-winning composer of choral, organ, and orchestral music. His additional talent as a composer led the *Portland Press Herald* to acclaim Mr. Lebedinsky "a rising keyboard star

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• Benson Brook Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Dexter Road – motor vehicle complaint
• Green Street – parking violation
• Delano Road – motor vehicle accident/ personal injury
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Point Road – vandalism/in progress
• Frigate Restaurant – suspicious motor vehicle
• Parkway Lane – animal complaint
• Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Point Road – motor vehicle accident/ property damage
• Pinewood Drive – animal complaint
• Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Mill Street – gunshots reported
• Randall Road – assist other police department
• Front Street – motor vehicle accident/ property damage
• Quail's Crossing Road – suspicious person
• Spring Street – motor vehicle accident/ property damage
• Front Street – found property
• Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• County Road – power line down
• Wareham Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Front Street – motor vehicle accident/ property damage
• Wareham Road – larceny/past
• Front Street – assist other police department
• Main Street – animal complaint
• Front Street – motor vehicle accident/ property damage
• Register Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Benson Brook Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Wareham Road – vandalism/past
• Joanne Drive – animal complaint
• Route 195 West – adult arrest (equipment violation, operating with suspended registration, operating uninsured motor vehicle)
• County Road – motor vehicle accident/ property damage
• Wareham Road – vandalism/past
• Route 6 – larceny/past
• Joanne Drive – animal complaint
• Silvershell Beach – suspicious motor vehicle
• Wareham Road – civil complaint
• Wareham Road – suspicious person.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 14, 2003 through December 20, 2003:

• County Road – suspicious person
• Church Street – burglary/breaking and entering
• Maplewood Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Randall Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Mattapoisett Neck Road – motor vehicle accident
• Oliver Street – animal complaint
• Fairhaven Road – medical assist
• Fairhaven Road – annoying/harassing phone calls
• Fairhaven Road – ambulance/mutual aid
• County Road – property returned
• Beech Wood Road – summons service
• Route 195 Overpass – suspicious persons
• Aucoot Road – disturbance
• Marion Road – motor vehicle accident
• Industrial Drive – suspicious activity
• Route 195 West – adult arrest (warrant)
• Railroad Avenue – motor vehicle accident
• County Road – structure fire
• Brandt Island Road – larceny/forgery/ fraud
• Fairhaven Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• County Road – safety/road hazard
• Brandt Island Road – motor vehicle accident
• Aucoot Road – traffic control
• County Road – motor vehicle accident
• County Road – suspicious persons
• Wolf Island Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• North Street – motor vehicle accident
• Angelica Avenue – vandalism
• Acushnet Road – suspicious motor vehicle.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of December 16, 2003 through December 23, 2003:

• New Bedford Road – adult arrest (fugitive from justice on court warrant)
• Paradise Lane – annoying phone calls
• Snipatuit Road – animal complaint
• New Bedford Road – civil complaint
• New Bedford Road – motor vehicle accident
• Quail's Crossing Road – assist citizen
• High Street – larceny/forgery/fraud
• Randall Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
• New Bedford Road – larceny/forgery/ fraud
• Vaughn Hill Road – highway matter
• High Street – suspicious person
• County Road – assist other agency
• Vaughn Hill Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
• Mayflower Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
• Stevens Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• North Avenue – suspicious person
• Lady Slipper Trail – suspicious motor vehicle
• Adrian's Package Store – assist other agency
• Mendell Road – highway matter
• Dexter Lane – complaint
• Braley Hill Road – suspicious activity
• Clapp Road – domestic disturbance
• Marion Road – adult arrest (operating under the influence of liquor)
• Noble Road – keep the peace
• Lisa Avenue – assist other agency
• Wolf Island Road – animal complaint
• Cushman Road – adult arrest (operating under the influence of liquor: second offense, marked lanes violation)
• North Avenue – silent alarm
• Cranberry Highway – adult arrest (operating with suspended license, operating uninsured motor vehicle, operating unregistered motor vehicle)
• County Road – adult arrest (disorderly conduct)
• Walnut Plain Road – suspicious activity
• North Avenue – fire alarm.



— a double-threat organist and composer."

Currently, Mr. Lebedinsky is the Director of Music and organist at the historic First Baptist Church in Newton, MA, thus extending a career as a church musician that started at the age of 17. As a natural outlet for his love of early music, he also teaches and leads workshops devoted to the study of historical improvisation.

Mr. Lebedinsky performs on a single manual Flemish harpsichord built in 1961 by Frank Hubbard of Boston. The instrument is modeled after an early 16th century anonymous instrument and possesses an unusually rich and vibrant sonority for its vintage.

The South Coast Chamber Music Society has six permanent members. They are **Piotr Buczek** and **Aija Silina**, violins; **Don Krishnaswami**, viola; **Timothy Roberts**, cello; **Claude Cobert**, flute; and **Donna Marie Cobert**, oboe.

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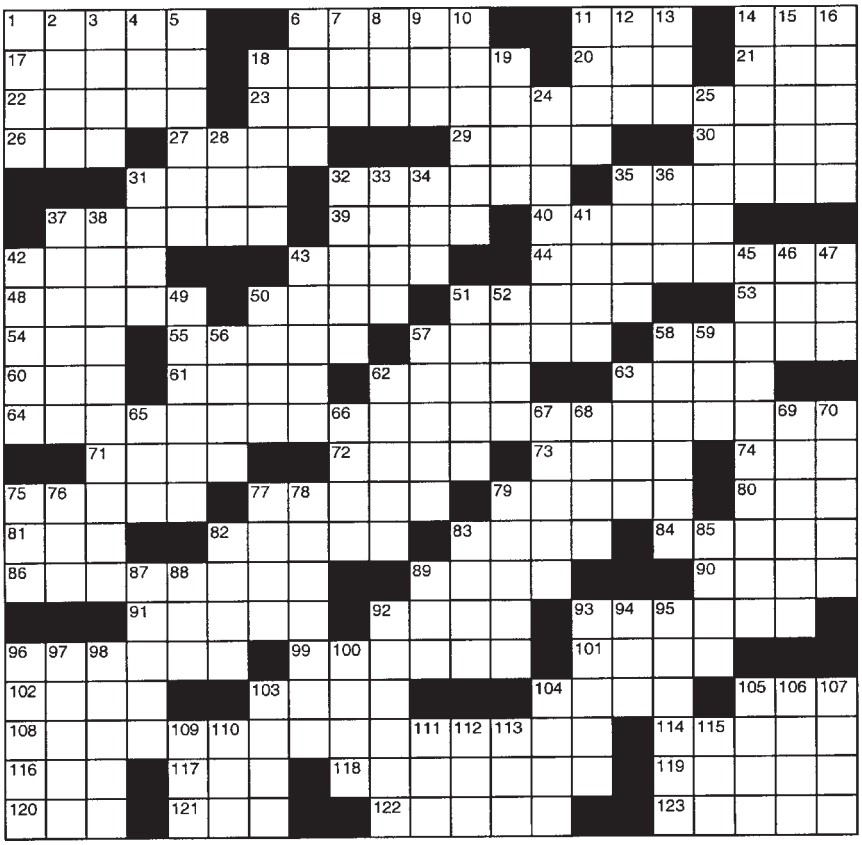


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26 Tint
27 Long and slender
29 Spiral
30 "— We Got Fun" ('21 song)
31 Big-hearted
32 Show off
35 Move around
37 Meager
39 Clark's co-worker
40 Stick one's neck out
42 Sailor's shout
43 Firewood measure
44 Unpretentious
48 "Glengarry Glen Ross" playwright
50 Hint
51 Heartbeat sound
53 Presidential nickname
54 Dadaism founder
55 Leading man?
57 Okefenokee, for one
58 Ford's predecessor
60 Casino cube
61 Big bird
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The arts are a strong part of the Arian aspect, with music becoming more dominant. An important decision looms as a longtime relationship takes an unexpected turn.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Surrounding yourself with beautiful things helps restore the Taurean soul. Enjoy an art exhibit, for example. Or redecorate your personal space with something truly splendid.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Some colleagues might try to talk you out of what they insist is a risk, but which you consider an opportunity. As usual, follow your own good sense when making your decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A workplace change you might have worried about soon proves to be highly favorable for the clever Crab who is ready to take advantage of new opportunities opening up.

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VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unsettling rumor about a colleague's apparently regrettable behavior is soon proved groundless, allowing you to enjoy the upcoming end-of-year festivities in a happy mood.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your success in helping to create a harmonious environment out of a chaotic situation earns you the admiration of someone who could become an important new presence in your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your Scorpion's sense of loyalty could find you leading a passionate defense of a loved one you feel is being unfairly treated. The week's end brings long-awaited family news.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your keen instincts are once more on high alert as you find yourself being pressured to make a quick decision about a certain matter. More facts come to light by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) An unexpected workplace development could disrupt some family plans. A full explanation, however, averts domestic discord. A financial matter continues to need attention.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Spend time away from distractions to reassess some recent moves that might not have worked out as you had hoped. What you learn could be invaluable for future decision-making.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A recent act of kindness is a reminder of how important your friends are to you. You might want to show your appreciation by hosting a special pre-New Year's party just for them.

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CASE #529
The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 8, 2004, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the application of Donna Gelson for a special permit under Section 5.1 of the Zoning By-laws to allow a detached garage to remain 14.41 feet away from the back property line.
The property, at 11 Reservation Way, is further identified as Lot 42Q on Assessors' Plan 18.
Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 12/18, 12/25

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
CASE #530
The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 8:00 PM on Thursday, January 8, 2004, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the application of Steven E. Gibbs d/b/a Gibbs Plumbing & Heating for a variance from Article X, Section 5.1 of the Zoning By-laws to allow the construction of a commercial storage building in a General Business District on an 11,210 sq. ft. lot which does not meet the minimum 15,000 sq. ft. standards, pursuant to correspondence from the Building Inspector dated 10/16/03, which determined that although the lot does meet grandfathering status based on the date of its creation, (developed June 13, 1955) Chapter 40A, Section 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws only applies to single family and two family residential uses.
The property, at 115 Wareham Street, is further identified as Lot 54 on Assessors' Plan 10.
Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 12/18, 12/25

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
CASE #532
The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Thursday, February 5, 2004, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the application of David & Janice Koris for a special permit under Section 6.1.3 of the Zoning By-law to allow the expansion of the existing footprint for the construction of a second floor & garage on this nonconforming lot and structure.
The property, at 1 West Avenue, is further identified as Lot 41 on Assessors' Plan 3.
Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 12/25, 01/08

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
CASE #531
The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 PM on Thursday, January 22, 2004, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the application of Peter R. Jones & Suzanne Moot for a Variance from section 7.4.5, "Piers as an accessory use", paragraph 5, "The lot for which the permit is sought fully conforms with the current area and frontage requirements for the district in which it is located." This Variance request seeks relief from the current frontage and area requirements of section 7.4.5 paragraph 5, of the Zoning By-laws, to permit the Planning Board to issue a Special Permit for a Pier as an Accessory Use. The hardship exists as a result of the 1999 re-zoning which upgraded minimum zoning standards for building purposes. The subject parcel's district changed from Residence B to Residence C. Zoning By-law 7.4.5, paragraph 5 as written prohibits the applicants from utilizing their waterfront access for recreational boating activities. The applicants contend that granting the variance would not be detrimental to the character of the neighborhood, the Town, the public good nor will it nullify or detract from the purpose of the Zoning By-laws.
The property, at 118 Bullivant Farm Road, is further identified as Lot 85 on Assessors' Plan 9.
Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 12/25, 01/08

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 12, 2004 at 8:00 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Matthew A. Considine. The Applicant proposes to upgrade a cesspool with a tight tank, to fill and grade, to install a new well and to rebuild and and expand the existing gravel driveway. All work will be performed within land subject to coastal storm flowage. The tight tank and a portion of the grading will also be within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.
The project is located at 16 Nashawena Road, and is further known as Lot #115 on Assessors Map #15A.
Conservation Commission 12/25

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 12, 2004 at 7:25 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Emery W. & Barbara A. Johnson. The applicants request the Conservation Commission make a determination as to whether an after-the-fact Notice of Intent is warranted for the placement of a driveway and landscape retaing wall, which were constructed under DEP File No. SE 44-443, but not described on the 12-14-93 accompanying plan of record.
The project is located at 23 Cove Street, and is further known as Lot #75 on Assessors Map #1.
Conservation Commission 12/25

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 7, 2004 at 7:20 PM in the Town House main conference room on a Request for a Determination of Applicability #41D-1172 submitted by ZORA ENTERPRISES, INC. to construct a single-family dwelling, a driveway, and associated filling and grading at Lot 135 Olde Sheepfield Road, as shown on Marion Assessors' Map 17. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Robert J. Merlino, Chairman 12/25

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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 7, 2004 at 7:30 PM in the Town House main conference room on a Request for a Determination of Applicability #41D-1173 submitted by HILARY & SAM VINEYARD to: (1) determine whether the area is subject to the jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act; (2) determine whether the boundaries of any resource areas on this lot are shown & accurately delineated on the plan; and (3) to construct a 20' x 24' garage in the northwest corner of the lot. The project is located at 73 Holmes Street and is shown as Lot 41A on Marion Assessors' Map 16. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
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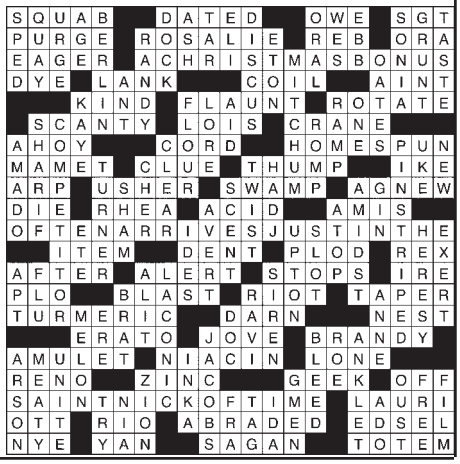
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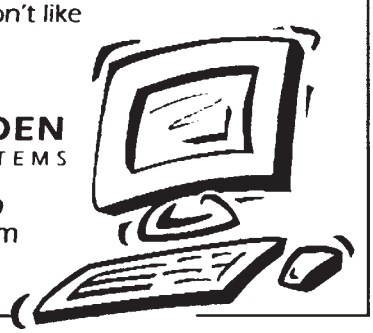
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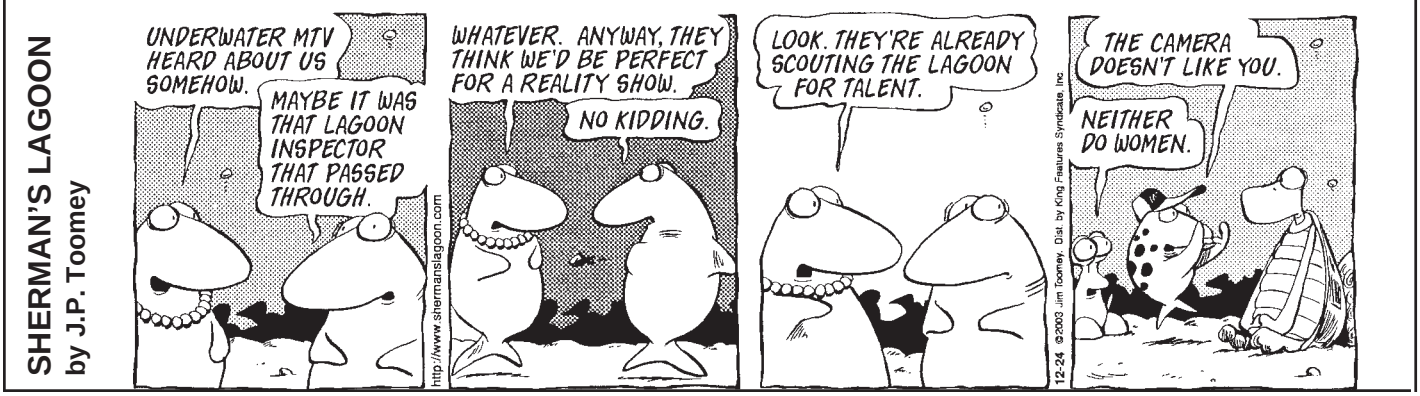
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Library Contact

If you have any questions on these or any events at the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester, please call 508-763-8600 during regular business hours: Monday and Thursday, 1:00 to 8:00 pm; Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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- Thursday, December 25 – Senior Center Closed;
- Friday, December 26 – Senior Center Closed;
- Monday, December 29 – Kohl's and Target at 9:30 am; Exercises 1:00 pm;
- Tuesday, December 30 – Lunch 11:30 am;
- Wednesday, December 31 – Shopping at 8:30 am.

Upper Cape Nursing Program

Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School's Practical Nursing Program has announced the dates of the entrance exam for the 2004-2005 school year. The required entrance exam will be administered at the school on the following dates: Saturday, January 17, 2004; Saturday, February 28, 2004; and Saturday, March 13, 2004 from 7:45 am to approximately 12:00 noon. Pre-registration is required. No walk-ins will be admitted. Seating is limited and will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. The exam fee is $75 and payable only by cash or money order. For additional information or to receive a registration form by mail, please contact 508-759-7711, extension 215.

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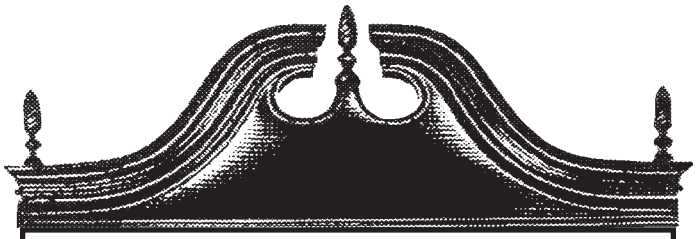
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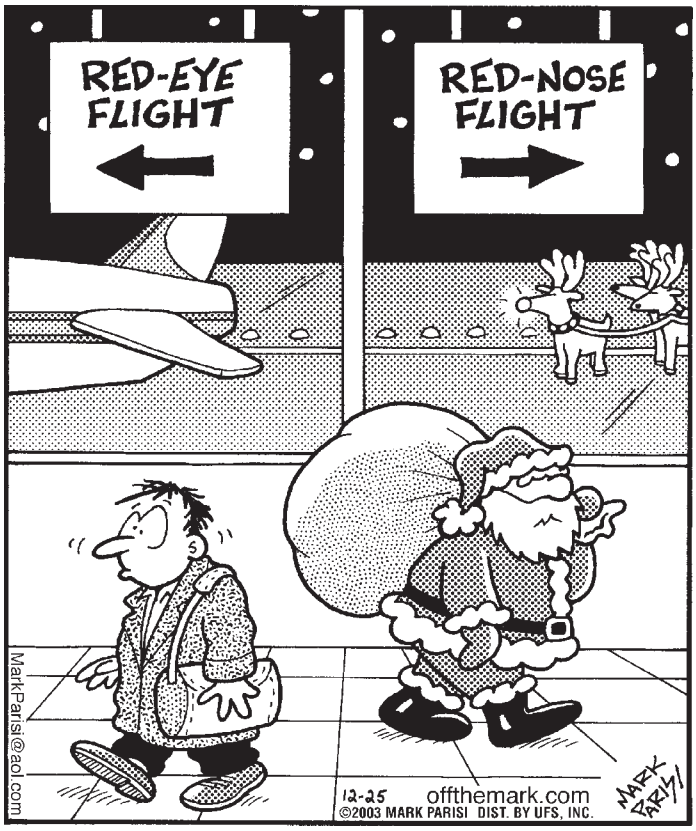
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December 26:	Fri.	10:06	10:31	3:00	4:04
December 27:	Sat.	11:00	11:26	3:52	4:50
December 28:	Sun.	11:54	. . .	4:47	5:37
December 29:	Mon.	12:21	12:48	5:52	6:28
December 30:	Tues.	1:15	1:41	7:33	7:22
December 31:	Wed.	2:09	2:36	8:58	8:13
January 1:	Thur.	3:03	3:29	9:46	8:54
January 2:	Fri.	3:59	4:23	10:26	9:38
January 3:	Sat.	4:51	5:13	11:03	10:21
January 4:	Sun.	5:39	5:58	11:41	11:04
January 5:	Mon.	6:19	6:38	12:01	12:21
January 6:	Tues.	6:57	7:17	. . .	1:02
January 7:	Wed.	7:32	7:55	12:32	1:43
January 8:	Thur.	8:08	8:30	1:15	2:21
January 9:	Fri.	8:46	9:16	1:57	2:56
January 10:	Sat.	9:26	9:59	2:38	3:28
January 11:	Sun.	10:10	10:44	3:19	4:00

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